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Antigone: Scenes 3–5 and Exodus, page 669

Vocabulary: Using Antonyms

The tragic end of *Antigone* could have been averted if Creon had practiced *humility* instead of its opposite, *pride*. An **antonym** is a word that means the opposite of another word. *Humility* is the antonym of *pride*.

Read the following passages from *Antigone*. Then, write the letter of the word that comes closest to meaning the *opposite* of the underlined word.

- _____ 1. Have you come here hating me, or have you come
With deference and with love, whatever I do?
A. reverence C. amazement
B. kindness D. defiance

- _____ 2. ... But if his sons
Fail him, if they turn out unprofitably,
What has he fathered but trouble for himself
And amusement for the malicious?
A. hilarious
B. kind
C. vehement
D. venomous

- _____ 3. The ideal condition
Would be, I admit, that men should be right by instinct;
But since we are all too likely to go astray,
The reasonable thing is to learn from those who can teach.
A. on our own path
B. successfully
C. on course
D. determinedly

- _____ 4. You'll never see me taken in by anything vile.
A. poisoned
B. virtuous
C. false
D. innocuous

- _____ 5. Perhaps they will show her an escape from death,
Or she may learn,
though late,
That piety shown the dead is pity in vain.
A. disrespect
B. loyalty
C. anger
D. sanctimony



- _____ 6. Surely you swerve upon ruin
The just man's consenting heart,
As here you have made bright anger
Strike between father and son—
A. unjust
B. refusing
C. approving
D. demanding
- _____ 7. ... You will remember
What things I suffer, and at what men's hands,
Because I would not transgress the laws of heaven.
A. transport
B. obey
C. digress
D. create
- _____ 8. No power in wealth or war
Or tough sea-blackened ships
Can prevail against untiring Destiny!
A. fight
B. persuade
C. lose
D. obey
- _____ 9. For he had profaned the revels,
And fired the wrath of the nine
Implacable Sisters that love the sound of the flute.
A. adored
B. defiled
C. purified
D. digested
- _____ 10. The shadow of the plague is upon us:
come
with clement feet
oh come from Parnasos
down the long slopes
across the lamenting water.
A. cruel
B. soft
C. toughened
D. slow